DODGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING October 3, 2013

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller James Layman Ernest Borchardt

Also Present: Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman; James Mielke, County Administrator; John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Dept.; Michelle Kenning, Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts; Bernie Mueller, Dodge County Child Support Agency; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Layman to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Borchardt. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Layman to approve Minutes of September 6, 2013; second by Borchardt. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck reported that the budget has been submitted. Regarding the tax levy, the impact of the court business units is approximately the same as last year. At the last meeting, it was reported that the proposed raise for guardians ad litem would be decreased. The Court was able to make other cuts by reducing other costs so that the raise for the GAL's will be funded.

The Security Sub-committee since the last meeting has prioritized projects. The security station by the Justice Facility front doors is going to be updated. They will be meeting with a contractor to get costs and want to move forward with this project yet this year. There are a couple of methods of making this area more secure being discussed.

Regarding the work on the courtroom doors, there will be a meeting with a building inspector to see how the locks might be changed.

Judge Sciascia has been involved with a local truancy committee and some of the other judges are now also involved. They discussed the possibility of a special truancy court, but decided one was not needed at this time. This could be a possibility in the future should a need arise.

Judge Storck reported on those who will be attending a seminar on October 4 which is a training on Effective Sentencing Practices, the goal of which is to reduce recidivism. Bob, Kurt and

some of the judges would be attending. Bob added that they will report to the committee after this seminar.

All four branches and the Clerk of Courts office are clearing 45 minutes starting at 8:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month so that there will be a meeting from 8-8:30 for discussion of various topics to include security issues, forms and procedures. The Committee is welcome to attend any of these, and Maryann will advise the Committee of the topics to be covered for the current meeting.

Clerk of Courts Report: They are trying to get back up to full staff. There is one clerk out currently on maternity leave for approximately 6 – 8 weeks. A new receptionist has been hired and the prior receptionist is now the new Small Claims Clerk.

Child Support Report:

Agency is still waiting to hear from the State to see their revenues

for the year.

District Attorney Report:

DA Klomberg went with crash team to a vehicular homicide

conference.

DA Sempf was going to be attending an OWI conference.

The fall SPET conference is the beginning of November – their office's attorneys rotate who will be attending. The Judge's and prosecutors finally have their conferences the same week which helps on staffing.

Both DA Klomberg and Atty. Barrington went with Judge Storck to the Effective Sentencing Practices seminar in Green Lake. They will be going to East Lansing MI for a training in how to manage offices, supervising attorneys and supervising support staff.

Bob Barrington has been elected to the State Bar Board of Governors. The State Bar has not had a prosecutor on the Board for years.

There is a massive overhaul being planned to the criminal procedures system. All of this has been proposed for a number of years but they now ready to go ahead. This will include changes regarding criminal expungement. Bob informed the Committee that now an expungement takes the record off CCAP and it can't be used for future sentencings. Right now though, the offense still shows up as a conviction but doesn't show the expungment.

The DA's office expects other offices to visit to see how Dodge County's DA office has become paperless.

Medical Examiner Report: No report.

Sheriff Department Report: Sheriff reported that Scott Smith did an excellent job on preparing the department budget, and Julie Kolp provided great assistance on that project.

New World went "live" on September 23. This is a complete new system, so some procedures are being changed, and not all of the interfaces are up and running yet. Most of the employees are transitioning well to the New World software

Regarding the TAD grant application, the Sheriff will be getting the initial draft next week. They are asking for the funds to provide support and services to offenders to occur between the actual arrest and conviction. This is when they are most agreeable to receiving help. There is bi-partisan support for this program and the State is very interested in funding it.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 1, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Layman to adjourn meeting; second by Borchardt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Aaron David, Secretary

Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary